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Organization and Equipment of the DDR Border Police

1. The structure of the LDI Border Police, which was reorganized on 1 January 1952, was once again changed at the end of May 1952. The Border Watches (Wachposten-Grenzwachmen) were dissolved, so that now the smallest border police unit is the Border Command (Grenzkommando), which as of July 1952 was made up of about 60 men. Directly over the Border Command is the Border Commandatura, which, in turn, is directly subordinate to the Border Alert Unit (Grenzbereitschaft). The Border Police is now generally under the jurisdiction of the GSS (State Security Service). Since the end of May 1952 there no longer has been any Border Criminal Police (Grenz-kriminalpolizei) at the Border Command level; criminal police are now stationed only at Border Commandaturas.
2. At the end of May 1952, a 15 percent raise in pay for border police was authorized, and rations were increased to 4,000 calories per day. It was also planned to introduce an olive drab uniform with "Wehrmacht". Olive drab shirts had already been issued at the beginning of April. They are worn with green ties. In hot weather patrols are permitted to go without the uniform jackets.
3. Since the end of May 1952 service in the Border Police has been so regulated that police have 12 hours free time after 12 hours of patrol duty. Three hours of the free time are set aside for instruction and work on labor details, and the police have to report to the Border Command one hour before going out on patrol for briefing. The remaining eight hours of the free time is the rest period.
4. Since May 1952 patrols have been provided with 60 rounds of ammunition instead of fifteen, as formerly. The border guards were issued Russian carbines, but because of the large number of desertions these arms were taken in and exchanged for the old German 98 rifle (Karabiner) in the Meiningen area. The Russian carbines were stored at the Commandatura. The Alert Unit in Meiningen allegedly has machine pistols of Russian origin on hand for special use (Minsellwaffe). It is planned to equip the leader of a patrol with a machine pistol and men to patrol with a Russian carbine.

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5. Up to July 1952 the Border Commands were provided only with bicycles, but in the future each command is to be assigned one motorcycle (Solokrad). The Kommandaturas are assigned the following vehicles: one personnel carrier for 20 men, one automobile, one ambulance, and four motorcycles.

The Meiningen Border Alert Unit

6. The following is partial information on the organization of the Meiningen Alert Unit:

Alert Unit	Kommandatura	Command
Meiningen (M51/M32)	Bookstadt Hermannsfeld (L51/E31) Hambuda	(-) (-) Ummersdorf Holzhansen Hellingen Gespertshausen (M51/009)

7. The following is a list of the main personnel in the Meiningen Border Alert Unit:

Meiningen Alert Unit

Chief: VP-Oberst (fmu) Richter
Deputy: Pol. Rat (fmu) Ertner
Political and Cultural Chief: Kommissar (fmu) Neumann
Liaison Officer for the SSD: Oberkommissar (fmu) Otto

Hambuda Border Kommandatura

Chief: Oberkommissar (fmu) Jakobi
Chief of Staff: Kommissar (fmu) Hammerberger
Political and Cultural Chief (fmu) Barnitzky
Criminal Police Chief: Kommissar (fmu) Kohlens
Party Secretary: Kommissar (fmu) Reinboth

Bookstadt Kommandatura

Political and Cultural Chief: Polizeimeister Günter Wiedemann

Border Command Holzhansen

Chief: Kommissar Hugo Rosenberg; about 33 years old; married; lives in Freis; comes from Silesia
Deputy: Polizei-Meister Viktor Fleischhacker; about 28 years old; married; lives in Arnstadt/Thuringia; resettled from the Sudetenland

Border Command Ummersdorf

Chief: Kommissar (fmu) Frenzel; about 55 years old; lives in Meiningen/Thuringia; has been a member of the SPD since 1927 or 1928; comes from Königsberg/East Prussia
Political and Cultural Chief: Polizei-Meister (fmu) Winger; about 30 years old; also fulfills the duties of a party secretary
Acting Deputy: Unterkommissar (fmu) Haxas
"Meister vom Innendienst": Unterkommissar Erich Neumann; about 24 years old; married; lives in Breitungen, Landkreis Meiningen/Thuringia

Border Command Hellingen

Chief: Kommissar (fmu) Rudolf

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Russian Troops Near the Zonal Border

8. At the end of May 1952 all the smaller Soviet commands located in the vicinity of the zonal border were dissolved. They were combined to form one command in Milz (M51/H90) near Rönhild (M51/H90) in Thuringia. The strength of this command is estimated at slightly over 100 men. About 40 men are transported daily from Milz to the zonal border where they are assigned to two-man Standposten (stationary watches).
9. The Russian command in Milz is not armed with heavy weapons. Soviet units located in the caserne in Meiningen, however, are equipped with heavy weapons and tanks. The strength of these units could not be determined. Soviet border guards are provided with old weapons, but new weapons are stored about 20 kilometers behind the zonal border. [redacted] these measures were taken to prevent the Americans from learning the actual armament of the units.

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Miscellaneous Information

10. As of July 1952 there was a central school for officer candidates for East German border police at Sondershausen (M52/D11) in Thuringia. There were three companies, each of about 120 men, at the school.
- 25X1 11. [redacted] all work on the ten-meter strip, the 500-meter protective zone, and the five-kilometer security zone along the DDR border was halted on 3 July 1952. Personnel on the project have already been transferred and tractors shipped away.

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